

# Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

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## ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES.

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Clauses.

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3. Assignment of auditors.
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SCHEDULE.





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TO

Further amend the Law relating to Local Government in Ireland and for other purposes connected therewith. A.D. 1908.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 1.—(1) Where upon consideration of an application signed by a majority of all the members of a library authority the Local Government Board are satisfied that the rate which can be raised under section eight of the Public Libraries Act (Ireland), 1855, is, by reason of the limit thereby imposed, insufficient for  
10 the purposes of the execution by such authority of the Libraries Acts, the Board may by order authorise that limit to be exceeded to an extent not exceeding *one penny in the pound*.

*Amendment of 18 & 19 Vict. c. 40. ss. 5, 8. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 40.*

(2) Notwithstanding anything in section eight of the Public Libraries Act (Ireland), 1855, no expenses incurred by a library  
15 authority under the Libraries Acts shall, after the *commencement of this Act*, be paid out of any rate or fund other than a rate raised under section eight of the Public Libraries Act (Ireland), 1855, or under that section as extended by an order under this section.

*18 & 19 Vict. c. 40.*

(3) Where an order is made under this section the Local Government Board may by such order declare any surcharge made at the audit of the accounts of a library authority for any period after the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and five and before the passing of this Act upon any person  
25 solely on the ground of his having authorised a payment in excess of the amount leviable by such library authority under section eight of the Public Libraries Act (Ireland), 1855, to be

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A.D. 1906. discharged, and any proceedings commenced or taken to recover any such surcharge shall thereupon be annulled.

(4) In this section the expression "the Libraries Acts" means the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts, 1855 to 1902, and the expression "library authority" means the council of any urban or rural district or the commissioners of any town in which the Libraries Acts are adopted.

Audit of  
accounts of  
committees.

2.—(1) The accounts of the receipts and payments of every committee appointed wholly or partly by a county or district council for the purposes of any of the enactments mentioned in the schedule to this Act shall be audited by an auditor of poor law unions appointed by the Local Government Board, and all the enactments which relate or apply to the audit of the accounts of district councils (including the provisions of those enactments which impose penalties or provide for the recovery or payment of sums whether in respect of the salaries of auditors or otherwise), shall apply to the audit of the accounts of every such committee in like manner as if the committee were a rural district council.

61 & 62 Vict.  
c. 37.

(2) Any sums paid to the Local Government Board by any county or district council or committee before the passing of this Act in respect of the salary of any auditor of poor law unions employed to audit the accounts of the receipts and payments of such council or committee in respect of their duties under any of the enactments mentioned in the schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have been legally paid, and any amount ascertained and determined before the passing of this Act by the Local Government Board as the sum chargeable to any such council or committee in respect of any such salary as aforesaid shall be deemed to have been legally ascertained and determined, and every such sum shall be payable and shall, notwithstanding anything in section fifty-one of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1893, be paid accordingly.

Assignment  
of auditors.

3. The accounts of the receipts and payments of every public body shall be audited by such auditor of poor law unions as the Local Government Board may in each case appoint or assign for the purpose, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or Provisional Order confirmed by an Act.

Validation of  
the Public  
Bodies Order,  
1904, as  
amended by

4. The Public Bodies Order, 1904, as amended by the Public Bodies Order, 1906, shall be deemed for all purposes to have been duly made and to be within the powers of the Local

Government Board, and no objection to the validity thereof shall be taken in any proceedings.

the Public  
Bodies Order,  
1906.

5. This Act shall apply to Ireland only and may be cited as the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1908, and shall be construed  
5 as one with the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, 1898 to 1902,  
and those Acts and this Act may be cited together.

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